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### NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—

#### St. Georges Hundred

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1910 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

C. O. COFFEE'S OFFICE, MIDDLETOWN, SATURDAY, JULY 30th, 1910 From 1 to 4 P. M.

MARNEY'S HOTEL, IN ODESSA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 27th, 1910 From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT HENRY CLEAVELAND'S STORE, IN PORT FRANK, SATURDAY, JULY 23d, 1910 From 1 to 4 P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

JOHN E. DENNY, Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

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#### APPOQUIMINK HUNDRED

The taxable residents of Appoquimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1910 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL., EVERY SATURDAY, During JULY, 1910. From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

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WILLIAM C. MONEY, Collector of Taxes for Appoquimink Hundred.

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#### Blackbird Hundred

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1910 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE, JULY 30th, 1910 From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING, JULY 25th, 1910 From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT DELANEY'S, DAVIS' STORE, JULY 23d, 1910 From 1 to 4 o'clock P. M.

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JOHN BEITH, Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred.

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#### Pencader Hundred

The taxable residents of Pencader Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1910 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

GLASGOW, JULY 20th, August 24th, September 28th, October 26th, November 30th, From 1 to 4 o'clock P. M.

SUMMIT BRIDGE, JULY 27th, August 25th, September 29th, October 27th, November 24th, From 10 to 12 o'clock, A. M.

DAYTON'S MILL, JULY 28th, August 26th, September 30th, October 28th, November 25th, From 10 to 12 o'clock, A. M.

DAYTON'S STORE, JULY 28th, August 26th, September 30th, October 28th, November 25th, From 1 to 4 o'clock P. M.

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JOHN T. WRIGHT, Collector of Taxes for Pencader Hundred.

### LOVE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

It would be well for persons to adopt as a motto the three questions: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary? Which some great men have suggested our asking before telling tales of human errors.

There are so many things told and said by all of us which would not be spoken if we first asked ourselves these three questions and answered them honestly. Many things are true which are neither kind nor necessary for us to say. Other things are true and unkind, yet necessary. It may be true that your friend has chosen a wrong comrade for intimate association; and it may be unkind to tell what you know in order to prove this fact; and yet it may be necessary to save your friend from a worse fate. But it is the exceptional case when such combinations arise; and the majority of occasions when unkind speech is indulged, and disagreeable truths are told, would not stand the test of the three queries.

Aside from the vicious, vulgar and coarse language which spoils so much of human companionship there is the idle, the senseless, the silly and the slovenly speech used so commonly by many intelligent and educated people—educated, at least, in the sense in which that word is generally used. Graduates from the high schools and business colleges, and many college girls and youths, employ language which is incorrect, inelegant and discordant, says a writer. A man in Indiana is superintendent of an organization for the purifying of human speech. To suppress everything that is base, vulgar, unkind or thoughtless in the way of speech, in the home first and afterward in social and business life, and to supplant it by that which is noble, graceful, courteous and considerate, will do much toward making the earth a better and sweeter place for us of mortals. The superintendent suggests that many people desire to do good in the world, but see no way to direct their efforts, and says this opens an avenue of usefulness, with small outlay and large results and any one can do it.

FIDDLER'S BRIDGE

In New Castle County the State road winding its way below the village of St. Georges, passes over a running stream of water, spanned by an ancient bridge. The legendary story has come down to us from other generations, that upon this bridge a belated peddler well known to the countryside, many years ago was waylaid in the night, cruelly murdered and his body was cast into the water. It has been said of this peddler, that he was an excellent violinist, and it was his custom when driving up to a farm house to play his fiddle to announce his coming. So fond was he of music, without recompense, he would play his fiddle for country dances, where he might at the time happen to be. A long time after his murder upon this bridge, travelers in the night time avoided this haunted spot, coming and going by other roads, as it was said that the ghost of this murdered peddler, with throat cut from ear to ear, any night could be seen standing upon the bridge and the strains of his phantom fiddle he was playing could be heard far away.—Ex.

FARMERS BOOKKEEPING

Ask any farmer how much each dollar he has received in returns cost him to produce. Ask him whether the expenditure of one dollar in capital and labor returned him \$1.10 or 90 cents. He can't answer. The debit side of the ledger is void so far as he is concerned, and the part played in the production of an acre of corn by such items as rent of land, interest and depreciation of machinery, man labor and horse labor, has never entered into his calculations. If he should sit down and figure out his business in all the minutiae of detail that is necessary for the proper conduct of other business undertakings, he might find that he was actually producing crops at a loss. A large percentage of American farmers, probably the majority of them, actually are producing food-stuff, at a loss, on the basis of the science of modern business.

WAR ON ENGLISH SPARROWS

John Davey, of Kent, Ohio, is heading a new society organized to kill all English sparrows in the United States. Mr. Davey has been a hater of the sparrow for a good many years. He has talked and written on the subject and has tried to interest his friends in sending the death-knell of the noisy birds. The Y. M. C. A. organization promises to help Mr. Davey in his work, according to his statement. Mr. Davey insists that a united movement must be started, or the robins and blue birds will be a thing of the past in this country in a very short time. But, what is more important, Mr. Davey insists that the sparrows are the cause of destroying thousands of trees and great damage to crops. The sparrow has the song birds sadly reduced in number, Mr. Davey says, and the song birds are the enemies of the insects and bugs that infect trees.

MAKE IT BETTER

In a great measure the commercial standing of a town is reckoned according to the number and value of its business enterprises; its moral standing, according to the number and power of its institutions, exerting a good influence as opposed to those exerting a bad. These things being true, it should be the intent of the citizens of a place to encourage such new enterprises as tend in any way to make the place better; for a town is greatly what its citizens make it, nothing more and nothing less.

OUT OF FASHION

"How awfully that cow looks at me," said a young woman—a summer boarder—do a farmer. "It's your red dress, ma'am," he answered. "Dear me," she exclaimed, "I know it was a little out of fashion, but I did not suppose a country cow would notice it."

### FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

Any sudden decrease in the flow of milk is a symptom of disease or trouble of some kind and should be looked after.

Pigs are quick money, for in six or seven months they are ready for market, at a big profit if well fed and cared for.

Give the calves a clean look of bright color or mixed hay every day. You will be surprised how soon they will begin to eat it.

If pigs show an unthrifty condition something is wrong in the feed or management. Find out the trouble and remedy it, or you will lose money.

Any farmer is a failure whose land grows poorer all the time. It is far better to build up twenty acres than to tear down one hundred and sixty.

The farmer who uses his farm for banking fertility from his animals, is wiser than the man who sells off everything to swell the figures in his bank book.

The feed question is the important and dominating one in the dairy business. It is the principal expense and any practical plan of reducing the expense increases the profits.

If sows are to farrow in cold weather put them in well ventilated quarters; where they can exercise. Don't crowd them. A run in the yard on fine days is very beneficial. Be sure that the doors are wide, and that the approaches are in order.

Recently I stepped into a farmer's barn and looked about, wrote a correspondent of Farm and Fireside. The barn was thrown on the hall floor in a prominent heap. The floor was over in a corner, and I noticed the mice had been working on them. A currying comb and brush and three horse blankets lay near by. The hallway seemed to be a general "catch all". I even noticed a hatched and saw lying loose and several hats were stretched across the floor.

The owner of all this material was as slovenly with his barn. There was no air of prosperity about his place.

A short time afterward I was in the barn that belonged to this man's neighbor, and it showed a different view.

The owner seemed to have a place for everything. In the hallway was the harness, but each set on its own nail.

A box near the stalls contained brush and currycomb. At one end of the hallway I found a miniature workshop and bench, and every tool was in its place. Horse covers and halters hung on nails in their corners, and everything about had the appearance of neatness.

Needless to say it was a prosperous, up to date farmer who owned this barn.

Everything about the place showed the touch of a skilled hand.

Some farmers condemn the practice of spreading stable manure on frozen land as wasteful and extravagant. Other prosperous men are enthusiastic in their praise of winter manuring. This difference of opinion is based partly, but not altogether, on experience obtained under different conditions.

I believe that the opinion that this method is wasteful is usually based on prejudice only.

Manure draws out and spreads from day to day in winter, on grass lands especially, I have found beneficial.

It retards the melting of the snow, protects from the cold winds, and as the snow melts its juices are carried down to the roots, which hastens the growth of the top and the roots the humus in the soil is increased and the productivity of the soil benefited.

Increasing the egg production of hens is accomplished by saving only the best layers for breeders.

Cleanliness keeps milk sweet—that is, it prevents germs which sour milk from gaining access to the milk.

It is the nervous, eager, hungry, jostling, rustling, scratching, angling, cackling hen that most helps to fill the egg basket.

As germs are carried through the air on dust particles it is not good to throw down hay from the mow during or just before milking time.

Thinking of building a silo? It is better by a great deal to save cornstalks for feeding than to burn them and lose everything in smoke. Corn silage is relished by all kinds of live stock.

Yield of milk can be increased by feeding at irregular hours and the use of poor feeds, but breeding is the only means of increasing the amount of milk and percentage of butter fat it contains.

Everybody knows how discouraging it is to make a pig that has once been stunted grow big. It's like starting a freight train, it takes some fuel and time and it does to keep it going. Push from the start.

The silo is the farmer's very best friend, and especially if he is interested in maximum production at minimum cost.

The great advantage of ensilage is its palatability. Stock seems never to tire of it so long as it is fed fresh.

A quick way to fatten old hens is to put them in a moderately dark room and feed them a mixture of corn meal and wheat middlings mixed thinly. Give plenty of pure water and all the feed they will eat and in two weeks they will be ready to tip the beam at top weight.

What Must I Do

Hundreds of young men now standing on the threshold of life are asking, "What must I do?" The sons of farmers are looking to the country. There never was a time when the question was more important than now. Living now means activity, intent and persistent. The young man who chooses a profession without being prepared for it and understanding the measure of his work and its demands, simply enters on an uneven race and will be left far behind. Our schools hold out to you the golden opportunity where this needed preparation can be had. Seize it; improve it and make life a success.

### THE EDITOR'S PRAYER

I would flee from the city's rule and law—from its fashions and forms out loose—and go where the gooseberry grows on its goose; where the catnip tree is climbed by the cat and the clutches for her pray the guileless and unsuspecting rattle bush at play I will watch at ease the sufferer and the cowl in their glory, as they peal in joy from bough to bough on top of a crows' tree; and list while the partridge drums his wood, and the woodchuck chucks his drum, and the dog devours the dogwood plum in the primitive solitude. O, let me drink from the moss grown pump that was born a pumpkin tree! Eat mush and milk from a rural stump, from form and fashion free—new garnered mush from the mush-room vine and milk from the milk-house sweet—with luscious pineapples from the vine! Such food as the gods might eat! And then to the whitewashed dairy I'll turn, where the dairy maid hastening hies her ruddy and golden butter to churn from the milk of her butterflies; and I'll rise at morn with the earliest bird, to the fragrant farm-yard pass, and watch while the farmer turns herd of grasshoppers out to grass.

HE GAVE ONLY A NICKLE

Sunday he went to church, wore a rose in the lapel of his coat, placed his hat, gloves and cane beneath the seat, had in his pocket a roll of bank notes and sundry change amounting perhaps to two dollars, and when the plate passed he gave the Lord a nickel—a whole nickel. On the previous evening at lunch he gave the waiter a ten-cent tip—a nickel for the Lord and a dime for the waiter.

The Lord to whom the man gave the nickel is He whom the man worships as Creator of the universe; who puts the stars in order and by whose decree the heavens stand. He knew that he himself was but an atom in space and that the Almighty was without limitations, and picked out the nickel and gave it to the Lord, who is gracious and slow to anger, and knowing our frame, did not play the man for the meanness of his offering, but gave him his daily bread. But the nickel was a token and hid beneath a quarter given by a poor woman who washes for a living.

Only Wanted His Consent

He was well dressed and breezy and when he entered the private office of the great tea merchant he looked capable of doing anything from selling goods to writing up insurance.

"I have come sir," he announced without hesitation, "to get your consent."

"Consent for what?" demanded the old man without looking up.

"Well—er—you see, your daughter—"

"Oh, I understand now. So you like my daughter, eh?"

"I think she is the finest young woman I have met in many moons. As I was saying, if you give your consent she will have the handsomest—"

"Come! Come! Don't get vain and say she'll have the finest; husband and she accepts you."

"I'm married, sir. I'm trying to tell you she'll have the handsomest auto runabout in town. She'd stand stuck on it and if you'll consent and put up one thousand cash we will—"

But the great tea merchant had collapsed.—Chicago News.

IS ALL WRONG

The system of endorsing is all wrong, and should be utterly abolished. It has been the financial ruin of more men, than perhaps, all other causes. Bookkeeping, a journal devoted to merchant, clerks and business men, advises our young men especially to study the matter carefully in its bearings, and adopts some settled policy to govern their conduct so as to be ready to answer the man who asks them to sign his note. What responsibility does one assume when he endorses a note? Simply this: He is held for the payment of the amount in full, principal and interest, if the maker of the note through misfortune mismanagement, or rashness fails to pay it. Notice, the endorser assumes all this responsibility, with no voice in the management of the business and no share in the profits of the transaction, if it proves profitable; but with a certainty of loss if for any of the reasons stated, the principal fails to pay the note.

COMMITTEE WILL MEET

A meeting of the Republican State Committee has been called for Saturday afternoon in Wilmington to consider the selection of a date for the State convention that is to nominate candidates for Representatives in Congress, State Treasurer and State Auditor.

The Republican County Committee has applied for the registration books on August 27, when a primary will be held to select delegates to the State convention. It is probable that the convention will be held on August 30 or thereabouts in Dover.

General T. Coleman duPont, chairman of the Republican State Committee, is away on a cruise on his yacht Tech, and it is doubtful whether he will take any active part in the campaign. Since his illness of a year ago, when he underwent a surgical operation, General duPont has relinquished active leadership of the committee, and Horace Wilson, vice chairman, has been at the head of the committee.

Hoe Your Own Roe

Fight your own battles. Hoe your own roe. Ask no favors of anyone, and you'll succeed a thousand times better than one who is always beseeching some one's interest and patronage. No one will ever help you as you help yourself, because no one will be so heartily interested in your affairs, the first step will not be such a long one, perhaps; by carrying your own way up the mountain each step leads to another, and stand while you chop still another out.

### USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Mint leaves lend a pleasant flavor to food tea.

Meat should generally cook 30 minutes to the pound.

Rubbers can be brightened by the use of ammonia water.

A yeast cake can be kept fresh for a week by burying it in flour.

If gloves are rubbed with kerosene before they are stored away they will not rust.

House plants intended for winter blooming should not be allowed to flower during the summer.

A nut kept on top of the refrigerator will be found just the thing to remove paper tops from milk jars.

Place a solid silver spoon in a fruit jar when it is filled with hot preserves, and the jar will not break.

To make tough meat tender, cover it with boiling water and put it where it will barely simmer for several hours.

When starching shirt fronts and collars, if a high gloss is desired, add a few drops of turpentine to the starch.

Strong ammonia and water will revive the luster of the gold and silver riveted Egyptian scarfs that sometimes tarnish.

Any brickwork rinsed off with ammonia and water and then carefully dried will be wonderfully brightened by the process.

A cloth wrung out in hot water to which has been added a little turpentine will restore the brightness of faded rugs.

It is a dangerous thing to allow ashes to accumulate in the cellar, the house will inevitably be musty in consequence.

In spite of its apparent warmth, Indian curry has a very cooling effect, and is excellent with rice and chicken in summer.

When making aprons the pockets will not tear if a strip of the straight goods is stitched in between the pocket and the apron.

Old perspiration stains may be removed by applying oxalic acid and water in solution of one part of the acid to twenty of water.

When a fruit jar covered sticks, stand it on its head for a few minutes in a pan half full of hot water. It will come off easily.



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## COMMERCIAL DISHONESTY

The greed of great gain, quickly gotten and at any cost of morals or humanity, seems to have seized the modern business man with an obsession that knows neither limit nor tire.

None too soon was Roosevelt raised up as a preacher of economic righteousness, of trade honesty, and that rule of right between man and man expressed in his famous phrase of the "square deal."

As if it were not enough that the rich trusts, already tariffed to dropical fatness were plundering the hapless people by regating and forestalling every staple of life—"cornering the market," is the modern phraseology; not enough that the rapacious manufacturers of food stuffs and drugs should rob the consumer at once of money and health by scandalous adulterations of pretty nearly every article they make, till the shameful climax was reached in the State of Pennsylvania that 65 per cent. of all foods were found to be adulterated sometimes in a poisonous way—as if all this compound pilfering of the people were not enough, now to cap the infamy of it all, official investigations show that the dealers in the various food stuffs, especially the retailers, must needs also swindle their customers—the masses—by short weights and measures, wet and dry.

As shown by these official investigations the amount and character of this form of business piracy, is appalling. Mr. Fritz Reichman, Superintendent of Weights and Measures of the State of New York in an article in the American Magazine for August, gives a number of instances of these contemptible practices that for audacity and heartlessness seem unbelievable.

To quote his own words: "Investigations in New York City in the provision stores along the main thoroughfares show that in 304 places visited in Manhattan and the Bronx, 59 per cent. of the scales, 71 per cent. of the weights and 82 per cent. of the capacity measures, were incorrect—short everywhere from three up to 75 per cent. Other boroughs were about as bad.

"In Poughkeepsie with 40,000 people, it was found that out of 37 stores visited, only four had their weighing and measuring apparatus correct and only once in 440 places tested, was a scale found giving over-weight."

"In other states and cities, large and small, conditions are just as chaotic or even worse. The Federal and State governments have been derelict in their duty of attempting to secure fair and uniform weights and measures and even the few attempts made or being made, are puerile, perfunctory and inefficient. In the meantime, the short, weight artist is reaping his harvest from San Francisco to Philadelphia, injuring the honest dealer, and causing a loss of tens of millions of dollars annually to the consumers."

Mr. Reichman describes the various fraudulent practices called "stacking measures" by wedging big apples or potatoes in the measures, putting false bottoms in them wet and dry, etc.

"In three blocks 40 dry quart measures and the false use of weights and measures is alarming and it is not to the credit of this country or of the individual states, that the subject has not received proper recognition. The shameful conditions here are not tolerated by any other civilized nation in the world."

This State and National indifference, that permits unrebutted these wholesale frauds upon the people—falling the heaviest upon those the least able to bear them—the poor—unquestionably reflects a low moral sentiment largely pervading our whole commercial life, of which the widespread graft in official circles is but the counterpart. Indeed, all sorts of crooked practices are indulged in business to-day with scarcely a protest from Pulpit or Bench; ill-smelling "tricks of the trade" are now in perfect good odor; while in every department of business, maxims of sheer wolfishness are heard on the lip and seen in the practice that would have shocked the consciences of our ruder forefathers.

Let us thank God, therefore, that in this money-getting wilderness of ours another prophet of His is lifting his voice against these iniquities, and take heart.

**GODWIN REFUSED PARDON**  
To the credit of the Board of Pardons they unanimously denied application number four of Jack Godwin.

The whole remarkable proceed-

ings in behalf of this fellow have sometime since reached the farcial stage. And if the extra-judicial methods employed by his friends and sympathizers should have resulted in turning him out to prey again upon society, it would have tended to bring the administration of justice in this State into contempt, and the Board of Pardons have richly earned the thanks of all decent, law-abiding citizens in rebuking the audacity of the fellow by curtly refusing to allow the case already exhaustively tried and determined with every form of law, to be retried out of Court on loose and irresponsible affidavits. It is to be hoped for the sake of the cause of justice and the success of the party, that this fourth denial by the whole Board of his application, will cause him and his cheeky crowd to realize at last that even Jack Godwin, the Briber, must swallow his jail medicine just the same as any common felon.

## \$11,982 From 24 Acres

It is claimed that Charles Votz, of the Mission community, in Texas, holds the world's record for profits from intensive farming. He recently sold his Bermuda onion crop on 24 acres for \$11,982. Deducting the expense of planting, cultivating, harvesting and marketing, the crop left him a fortune.

The onion yield from these 24 acres filled 22 cars. The product was shipped to Northern and Eastern markets. The land could have been bought ten years ago for \$1 an acre. This onion crop occupied a season of less than seven months. The same land will be planted again and made to yield from \$100 to \$200 an acre during the five months remaining.

It is said that probably larger yields to the acre may have been obtained from smaller acreage, but so far as known the profits obtained by Mr. Votz from 24 acres is a new record for intensive farming. All Bermuda onions in the lower Rio Grande Valley territory are raised by irrigation.

## Pennywise Lowers Rates

Threatening to lay the schedule of high freight rates charged by the Pennsylvania Railroad at Georgetown before the National Railroad Commission, the Board of Trade of that town won its first victory last Friday morning when it received a notice that the freight rate on coal had been lowered from \$2.05 a ton to \$2, a saving of thousands of dollars to coal consumers in that section. The protest was laid before the railroad officials by L. L. Layton, a large shipper of Georgetown, as chairman of the committee appointed by the Board of Trade.

The fight will be carried further, backed by the grangers, to lower the rates on fertilizer, which at present is charged 30 per cent. more in Georgetown than in Maryland, a haul of seventy-five miles more. The lowered rate on coal is considered the opening wedge, and Georgetown is looking for lower rates, or a determined protest will be made to the national commission.—*Milford Chronicle.*

## Delegates to Convention

Governor Crothers Tuesday announced the list of delegates to the National Farmers' Convention, which will open at Lincoln, Neb., on October 9th. Those named from Cecil County are as follows: Custus C. Price, Warwick; James A. Pierce, Cecil; J. H. Kimble, Port Deposit; W. B. Davis, Cecil; James E. Edelman, Port Deposit; James M. C. Carhart, Zion; William B. Wilson, St. Augustine; W. T. Clark, Cecil; M. C. Reeder, Rising Sun; Elwood Balderson, Colors; C. E. Ewing, Rising Sun; Joseph T. Grove, North East; Allen Faeit, Rising Sun; R. K. Rawlings, Port Deposit; Alexander Wilson, Cecil; W. M. Pogue, Rising Sun; Jessie Wood, Nottingham, Pa.; R. T. Cameron, Rising Sun; Cassius F. Kirk, Rising Sun; Clinton M. Dunbar, Elkton; James T. Armour, Rising Sun; Harry C. McDowell, North East.

## Godwin Refused a Pardon

The fourth application for pardon of John Godwin of Delaware City, convicted of attempting to bribe Philip Oliver on election day, was denied by the Board of Pardons Monday afternoon. Crowned the missing witness, was produced and stock to his story.

## Farms For Sale!

No. 1.—610 acres, in Kent, Md.  
No. 2.—220 " " " "  
No. 3.—202 " " " "  
No. 4.—180 " " " "  
No. 1.—132 " in Cecil, Md.  
No. 2.—180 " " " "  
No. 1.—182 " in St. Georges Hd.  
No. 2.—190 " " " "  
No. 3.—185 " " " "  
No. 4.—177 " " " "  
No. 5.—187 " " " "  
No. 6.—150 " " " "  
No. 8.—320 " " " "  
No. 7.—170 " " " "  
No. 8.—352 " in Red Lion Hd.  
No. 9.—245 " " " "  
No. 11.—660 " in Backbird Hd.  
No. 12.—190 " in Kent, Del.

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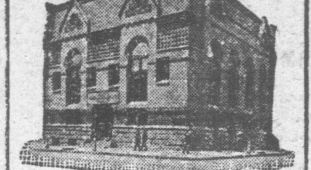
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY 1910  
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We have a special lot of floor oilcloth at 20 cents square yard.

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Going South—3:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.  
For Odessa—7:30 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 4:30 p. m.  
For Warwick, Cecilton and Marlville 9:30 a. m., and 4:30 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JULY 30, 1910

LOCAL NEWS

Rain needed.  
Peaches plentiful.  
Keep cool and keep your temper.  
Farmers are threshing their wheat.  
FOR SALE.—20-foot garden hose.  
MISSUS SPRINGBOON.

FOR SALE.—PEACH AND TRUCK BASKETS AT S. B. FOARD'S.  
Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of Poultry and Eggs. W. C. JONES.  
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The continued intensely hot period has been particularly hard on truckers. Fruit and vegetables need rain badly.

The Smyrna Board of Education has elected Professor Lina B. Earhart, of Mt. Joy, Pa., principal of the High School.  
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FOR SALE.—First-class cooking stove and three heating stoves, one a double-heater. MISSUS SPRINGBOON.

Our personal column can be made more complete and interesting if our readers will send notices of entertainments and visitors.  
The Wilmington Prohibition League has passed a resolution requesting that a State convention of the Prohibition party be called to nominate a State ticket.

From sixty-five to seventy bushels of oats are being harvested to the acre in Cecil county Md. On the farm of George Reynolds the oats stood over six feet high.—EX.

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FOR RENT.—The store we are now occupying as a Millinery Shop and the house where we reside on Lake street. Possession September 1st, or before. Apply to Store. MISSUS SPRINGBOON.

After June 1st, the library hours will be as follows: Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30; Friday, 7 to 8:30; Saturdays, 3 to 5 P. M. As usual during the summer, the library will be closed on Tuesday afternoons.

Are any members of your family visiting friends out of town, or have you guests at your home? If so we would be glad to make a mention of the fact in our personal column. Simply drop us a line or call at the office.

We now have on hand for sale 3000 good chestnut wire fence posts. Let us have your order and we will reserve the posts for you until you are ready to use them. J. F. McWORTHER & SON.

The annual camp of Trinity A. M. E. Church closed last Sunday evening, and judging from the large crowd that attended on the three Sundays, this was undoubtedly one of the most successful camps in the history of the Church.

Protests against the new postal cards are going into the Post Office Department at Washington, from all over the country. The complaint is that the cardboard on which they are printed is of such a poor quality that it will not hold ink.

The Sunday School of St. Anne's Episcopal Church held its annual picnic at Littleton Park on Wednesday. The little folks, as well as the larger ones, spent a delightful day, and the treat of ice cream and cake was appreciated by all.

During this hot weather dispensers of milk cannot be too careful to keep milk receptacles clean and pure. They should be thoroughly scalded and rinsed each time used to insure the removal of any germ that may be lurking there.

During the month of August the service of the Forest Presbyterian Church will be as follows: Sunday evening, at 6:45 o'clock, the Christian Endeavor service. The Wednesday evening Prayer Meetings will be led by the Elders of the Church.

The heart of the tiller of the soil is made glad by the appearance of the corn field, which is beginning to shoot and tassle. It is claimed by those who profess to know that with favorable weather for the next month the corn crop will be a record breaker.

Any subscriber of THE TRANSCRIPT failing to receive the paper regularly each week will confer a favor by notifying us at once. Your paper is mailed every Friday evening and failure to get it may be due to fault in the address. Unless you complain we will not know that you have cause for complaint.

Constantly on hand, all sizes of the Best Virginia and Best Hard Coal for Heaters, Ranges and Cook Stoves. Clean and full weight. Prompt delivery at lowest prices. Also Cord Wood sawed to stove length, \$2.00 for cordwood. If you have not been using our coal, try it and be happy. G. E. HUKILL.

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PERSONALS

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending July 21st: Miss Broadbent, Mrs. Annie Coates, Mrs. Evelyn Draper, Miss Clara Pearson, Mrs. Ada Whitlock, Mr. Winfield Atlee, Calvin J. Barlett, Mr. George Bordley.

The boys are having a splendid time during vacation swimming, boating, playing ball and other amusements. We advise them to get out of vacation all the enjoyment possible for in a few more weeks summer will be over and the bell will commence ringing for you to make your appearance at school.

Mrs. Frederick Brady and her sister, Mrs. Lillie D. Embree, have jointly donated one hundred dollars to the Endowment Fund of the Forest Presbyterian Church, as a memorial to their mother, Mrs. Marietta Day, who, at the time of her death was a communicant of this Church. Through the generosity of these ladies, the Endowment Fund now amounts to \$2,121.00.

Highway Commissioner Francis A. Price was instructed Tuesday by the Levy Court of New Castle County, to advertise for bids for building the following good roads:—Long avenue in Brandywine hundred; Lancaster turnpike and the Telegraph road from Newark to the Maryland line; the road from Delaware City to St. Georges and the road from Har's Corner to Tybont's Corner.

To our neighbors and friends and especially to the Volunteer Hose Company, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the prompt and valuable assistance rendered in extinguishing the fire originating in an outbuilding in the rear of our residence on Sunday afternoon, which for a time threatened the destruction of other property. The Hose Company was quickly on the ground and to their energetic and efficient efforts we owe the rescue from the flames of adjacent and more valuable property.  
G. E. HUKILL.

Little Miss Mildred Holten is visiting her cousin, little Miss Helen Shapley, in Smyrna.

Miss Mary O'Day, of Seaford, is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. David L. Allen.

Mrs. Anna Clark, of Wilmington, is visiting her brother, Mr. J. H. Emerson and wife.

Miss Margaret Hanson, of New York City, is visiting Miss Helen McDowell, near town.

Capt. and Mrs. W. E. Lee are visiting her niece, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Massey, in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Fisher, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beaton.

Miss Ethel Gill, of near Chesapeake City, Md., spent Thursday with her sister, Miss Mary Gill.

Miss Minnie Brene, of Glenn Falls, N. Y., is visiting her cousins, Father and Miss Agnes Crowley.

Mr. Harvey Vohell has accepted a position in Lynn, Mass., and left for that place Sunday evening.

Mrs. John Vohell and son John, Jr., of near town, spent several days this week with Miss Mary Gill.

Little Miss Marjorie Virdin, of Kenton, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. B. Barria, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWhorter left Thursday morning for Ocean View, Va., where they will spend six weeks.

Mr. Russell Cleaver and Miss Edith Francis were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Cleaver, near Smyrna, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Walmesley, of Philadelphia, spent several days of last week with Mr. and Mrs. P. L. McWhorter.

Mrs. Fred Davis and little son, of Wilmington, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis. Mr. Davis spent Sunday with his family.

The numerous friends of Mr. William J. Ellison, will regret to learn that he is critically ill at his home on East Main street.

Mr. Levin and daughter, Miss Bessie, of Trenton, N. J., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Burman, have returned home.

Miss Edna Bonnell, of near Lynch's, Md., has returned home, after spending several days as the guest of Miss Laura Connelley.

Grand State Chancellor H. S. Beaton visited Marlborough Lodge, K. of P., Friday evening, and installed the newly elected officers.

Mrs. T. J. Bowers and two daughters, Misses Susan and Alice, of Philadelphia, are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Alston, Md.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ritchie and children returned, Tuesday from a pleasant two weeks visit with the doctor's parents, in Zanerfield, Ohio.

Mrs. H. A. Dempsey and daughter Pauline, of Newport, returned home on Sunday, after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Albert Price.

Miss Mary Connelley, of Millenbeck, Va., and Miss Laura Connelley, of Baltimore, Md., have returned to their homes, after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Connelley.

In New Position  
The Rev. Dr. Alfred Smith, at present temporary evangelist of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, was last week appointed assistant corresponding secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church Temperance Society. Dr. Smith will cover the field east of Chicago and will continue to have his home near Dover. His salary will be \$2,000 a year. Dr. Smith will begin his work on September 1st. The position is considered a great honor among churchmen and came to Dr. Smith from the committee appointed by the General Conference of the church to select a man for the place. The secretary of the society is the Rev. Charles Wilson, a son of the late Rev. John A. B. Wilson. Peninsula Methodist are, therefore, well represented in the temperance society of the church.

Worthy Recognition  
Frank W. Pierson, of Wilmington, has been reappointed a trustee of the Jr. O. U. A. M. orphan home at Tiffin, O., for his third term of five years, and is continued as treasurer, in which office he has served for ten years.

The appointment was made by H. L. W. Taylor, national controller with the approval of John J. Weitzel of Ohio, and H. C. Schoefer, of California, officers of the board, who have sent Mr. Pierson a letter complimenting him upon his excellent work.

Taylor's Bridge Telephone  
A public meeting will be held at Taylor's Bridge, Tuesday, August 23, when a representative of the Diamond State Telephone will meet the farmers relative to building a line that will connect with Smyrna by way of Fleming's Landing. The meeting to perfect this independent rural line will be held at 7:30 P. M. All persons interested are invited to be present.

The Transcript, \$1.00 per year.

OBITUARY

LUCIAN GREEN

This community was deeply pained to hear of the sudden death Wednesday morning of Mr. Lucian Green while playing tennis. He told Mr. James Lockwood with whom he was playing that he was not feeling like engaging in the game. Still he took his racket and had played several sets when he stopped and leaned against a post for support, and even while sinking slowly to the ground and died almost before anyone could bring medical aid to relieve him. Drs. Ritchie and Vaughan came on a hurry summons to him, but he was unconscious when Dr. Vaughan arrived and dead when Dr. Ritchie came shortly thereafter.

Mr. Green was the youngest son of the late William and Mrs. Eliza Green, who together with four brothers and one sister are mourning his untimely death. He was a fine young man of most estimable character, and his sudden taking off will bring sorrow and regret to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Green was a graduate of Delaware College, and a member of several of the fraternities at his Alma Mater. He was of a studious bent of mind, and like his gifted father before him, fond of knowledge, especially of the practical sciences. He had been engaged for a number of years before his sad death in experimental biological researches with a view to discovering some formula having a germicidal action upon various small animals, and his friends believe that had his gentle and useful life been spared to reach the wished span, his labors would have resulted in some useful discoveries to science and humanity.

In his undergraduate days he was noted as a foot ball player, so strenuous and bold in his enthusiastic devotion to that game, that he broke a collarbone twice in the furious scrimmages. That he could have done all this without disclosing any evidence of organic heart disease, or even any diastolic or slant in that direction, only renders the mystery of his sudden death the deeper.

He was 29 years old, unmarried, and lived in Middletown with his widowed mother, Mrs. Eliza Green, to whom the entire community extends its deepest sympathy in her bitter loss. Mrs. Green and daughter Miss Eliza, were in the West at the time of his death visiting another son, Victor, who is living in Colorado. She and her son and daughter are to arrive in Middletown this (Saturday) afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at his mother's residence Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and the remains will be interred in St. Anne's Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further notice.

WILLIAM JOHNSON  
The many friends of William Johnson of Odessa were shocked Saturday morning when told of his suicide. Mr. Johnson, who had been the town bailiff of that borough for a number of years, committed suicide by placing a revolver against his right temple and pulling the trigger.

What caused the unfortunate man to commit the deed is a question his relatives and friends cannot solve, as he had never spoken of such an act. Deceased committed the deed in his bed room, and after hearing the report of the revolver, his wife hastened to the bed chamber, and was horrified to find her husband lying on the floor with blood oozing from a wound in his temple.

Funeral services were held at his late residence on Main street on Tuesday afternoon, interment being in St. Paul's M. E. Cemetery.

ALBERT LISTON TOWNSEND  
Albert Liston, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Liston Townsend, died of Philadelphia, Sunday morning, July 24th, at 6:30 o'clock, after a short illness of tubercular meningitis. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, who formerly resided in this section, have the sympathy of a large circle of relatives and friends here in their sad loss. The remains were brought to Middletown on the 11:22 train Wednesday morning and taken to the residence of Mr. John E. Ginn on Crawford street, where funeral services were held at two o'clock, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Arters, and interment was made in Forest Cemetery.

The pall-bearers were: Irving Brockson, Frank Richards, Carl Jones, Delbert Gallagher.

Resolutions of Respect  
At a meeting of Seaford Council, No. 95, Jr. O. U. A. M., held on Tuesday, July 26th, the following resolutions were passed on the death of Brother John E. Edwards, who departed this life Tuesday, July 19th, 1910:

Whereas, Our beloved Brother, John E. Edwards, was on the 19th day of July, 1910, by the decree of an overruling providence, called from this earthly suffering to a home where pain and sorrow are unknown, and where the weary find rest—be it therefore

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Edwards, the members of this lodge fully recognize that they have lost one of the number who was at all times imbued with the pure principles of the order, therefore be it

Resolved, That the sincere and heartfelt sympathies of the members of this lodge be, and are hereby extended to the bereaved widow and children of the deceased Brother, whose loss we, with them, deeply mourn, And be it

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, and be recorded on the memorial page of the records of the lodge, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family of our deceased Brother.

FRANK A. SYLVESTER,  
R. W. JOHNSON,  
W. H. JOHNS,  
Committee.

Fortunes in Apples  
The prevailing prices on early apples—Yellow Transparent and Red Astrakhan—continue to bring in much money to the farmers and apple growers of Kent and Sussex counties. Those who sprayed their trees this year have a big lead over those who failed to spray. Levy Court Commissioner J. Will Powell, from an orchard of 500 young trees, has made a fine financial pick-up. M. C. Jackson, another Harrington shipper, has for many days been receiving about \$60 a day from his orchard shipments. Both of these men spend much time and labor in their orchards all the year around.

DELAWARE'S FRUIT CROP

Heavy Shipments of Apples and Peaches

The Railroad Company reports that up to Monday of this week, it has shipped 283,038 large baskets of apples known as seven-eighths. The company moved in one day last week, besides those sent by boat, 12,268 large baskets. As the growers received from forty-five to \$1 per basket for these apples, some idea of the cash flowing can be comprehended.

Young apple trees everywhere seem to have begun to bear. Compared with 1909, the totals are surprising. In 1909, on July 15th, for instance, the Pennsylvania Railroad handled only 1,396 baskets, in 1910, same day, the farmers shipped out 12,268 baskets. In 1909 the total to July 15th, was only 15,736 baskets; while in 1910, same day, the shipments reached 295,306 baskets.

The shipment of peaches has increased, although very early in the season, until the total Monday over the railroad was 19,960. This does not count the thousands of baskets being shipped to Philadelphia by boat. That Delaware is to have a peach crop this year is evident from the fact that the Pennsylvania Railroad's total shipments at this time last year showed but 388 baskets.

About 4,000 baskets of peaches were shipped last Saturday, while on Friday the total by rail was 3,188. The Delaware peaches this year are juicy and full of flavor, whether small or large. Plums are becoming a gigantic branch of the fruit industry in Delaware. Thus far this season, 620,870 pounds of plums represent the total consignments over the Pennsylvania road, and the season is still on, with thousands of baskets of this fruit also being shipped by river boats and packets.

THE KIRKWOOD RACES  
Lovers of horse racing will have an opportunity to witness some of the best racing of the season at McCoy's Kite Track this afternoon. Some of the fastest horses in the state will be started, including R. T. C. Bivrol, Clodagh and others. The program is as follows:

2:15 Trotting  
Clodagh.....R. Suedeker, Kirkwood  
Crescent Mac.....C. Crowland, St. Georges  
Palo Alto.....W. B. Biggs, Middletown  
Lord Dewey.....C. W. Baker, Aberdeen  
Alice Bonnell.....H. V. Buckson, St. Georges  
Charles D.....H. Donovan, McDonough

3:30 Trotting  
Booing.....H. Casier, Kirkwood  
Anna May.....H. Cannon, Kirkwood  
Red Rock.....H. Lester, St. Georges  
March.....C. Carl Price, Middletown  
Lord Dewey.....C. W. Baker, Aberdeen  
George D.....Geo. Crowland, St. Georges

2:10 Trotting  
Bivrol.....R. Suedeker, Kirkwood  
R. T. C.....W. B. Biggs, Middletown  
Clodagh.....R. Suedeker, Kirkwood  
To be in the State Record for a half mile by a 2 year old.

Harry J. S. Harry J. Stocke, Wilmington  
Against Time  
Lord Dewey, 2 years old.....to beat 2:31  
Gazeta, 2 years old.....to beat 2:40  
Katherine Dewey, 3 years old.....to beat 2:31  
Lord Dewey, 2 years old.....to beat 2:31  
Miss Marvelline, 2 years old.....to beat 2:31

All races are under the rules of the American Trotting Association excepting that the races will be two best in three, and that three to enter and two to start will constitute a race. There will be teams to meet the trains.

TWO AFFLICTED SHUT INS  
THE TRANSCRIPT feels sure it is speaking the sentiments of all its readers and indeed of the whole community, when it expresses a deep and sincere sympathy with two of our most estimable ladies, Miss Emma Merritt and Miss Louisa Cox who are passing through dark waters of affliction, suffering cruelly these days while the rest of us are enjoying such large measures of health and pleasure. We wish we might be able to announce their early recovery of life's sweetest boon health. That we might if but a little, mitigate their sufferings—and into the sorrow darkened chambers of these and all other suffering "shut-ins," at least some little bit of sunshine. And alas that we cannot. But there is "a light that never was on land or sea" for such as these, blessedly shut in with God—for we do not read that "the Lord God giveth them light?" Both these Christian ladies have long since found "One who is mighty to save and strong to deliver" and they can say with the Psalmist even amid their pangs

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear not; for thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

To Teach Farming  
Seeking to install a short course in agriculture in every school in Delaware, E. P. Phillips, a prosperous farmer, noting for the Milford Grange, has written a letter to every School Board in the State, stating the plan and telling of its success in Canada.

Every effort will be made to have a short course in the study of soils, chemistry, practical farming and plant life started in each school. The Grange of the State will be asked to back the movement and Phillips, who has seen the practical working of the system in Canada, will be sent around the State to more fully explain the movement.

WARWICK  
Preaching Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Oullum, Subject, "The call to the ministry."  
The Christian Endeavor will be led Sunday evening by Miss Lena King.

Bloomer Girls Coming  
Lovers of base ball will be interested to know that the Western Bloomer Girls club will play the Middletown team on Monday, August 15th. This is considered the best female club in the country and the novel sight of seeing just how skillfully the girls can play the National game is sure to draw a large crowd.

CECILTON

Sheriff Mackay was in town last week.

J. E. Belts was a Wilmington visitor recently.  
Miss Helen Jones spent Monday with Miss Elizabeth Lake.

Albert Watts spent Thursday of last week in Wilmington.  
Mrs. C. Windsor is visiting Mrs. Ollie Clark, of near Earleville.

Rev. O. E. Jones was a Wilmington visitor Saturday and Sunday.  
Mrs. Eugen Savin and son, Merritt have been visiting near Townsend, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Budd spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson.  
Miss Helen Bromwell, of Darby, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. R. W. Blackway.

Mr. J. R. Smith, wife and daughter, May, of Georgetown, spent Sunday in town.  
Quite a number from here attended the dance at "Spa Spring" last Wednesday evening.

Rev. T. B. Vandye preached in Zion M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon and evening.  
Mr. James Budd, of Philadelphia, spent several days this week with Mr. Barrie near town.

Messrs. William G. Jones and George G. Morgan, Jr., were Philadelphia visitors this week.  
Mrs. M. E. Freeman, of Chesapeake City, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Davis.

Master Alexander Wilson spent several days last week with his cousin, Master Arnold Crawford.  
Rev. T. B. Vandye, wife and children, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Miss Martha Vandegrift.

Mr. William Freeman and son, Arthur of Philadelphia, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Black on Sunday.  
Mrs. W. Geary and daughter, of Kennedyville, Md., were the guests of his father, Mr. James Smith on Friday of last week.

BLACKBIRD  
Miss Beulah Buckson spent from Saturday until Monday in Middletown.  
Mrs. W. A. Watson spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Fannie Guesford.

Miss Viola Farries is visiting her sister, Mrs. Pete Alfrie, near Vandye Station.  
Mrs. Burris, of Smyrna, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sallie A. Pierson, near the Station.

Mr. Maria Shaw, of Wilmington, spent last Sunday with Miss Beulah Buckson.  
Mrs. Helen Vanhorn, of Penna., spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Fannie Guesford.

Miss Florence Heinold, of Blackbird Station, spent last Sunday with Miss Nora Watson.  
Misses Martha and Eva Ennis, of near Clayton, visited their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Heinold.

Mr. Irving Brockson, of Middletown, spent Sunday with his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edmund Brockson.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Tomlinson are visiting relatives and friends in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Lidia Alfrie and son, Alexander, of near Townsend, visited her daughter, Mrs. William Fortner, last Wednesday.  
Mr. Neolin Buckson, of St. Georges, has returned home, after spending some time with his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Buckson.

Our Epworth League service will be held tomorrow evening by Miss Maud Walker. The Topic being: "The life hereafter."  
TOWNSEND

Mrs. D. B. Jones is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.  
Miss Edith Ginn, of near town, is visiting friends in Wilmington.

Miss Lillian Hart is entertaining Miss Anna Smith of Chestertown.  
Miss Virginia Roe was the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Daniels on Sunday.

Miss Anna Vandye has as her guest Miss Mildred Tarbuton, of Wilmington.  
Mr. G. Naylor, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Mary Money.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lightcap, of Odessa, were guests of friends in town on Sunday.  
Miss Ebbie Burris, of Dover, is spending a few days with Miss Marion Reynolds.

Miss Ethel V. Lee is spending this week with Mrs. J. C. Hutchison, Jr., near Smyrna.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hutchison, of near Blackbird, spent Sunday with Mr. Walter Lee and family.

Miss Lillian West left on Thursday to spend a week with Miss Anna May Downie, of Wyoming.  
Mr. G. Lloyd Knott, of Newport, returned home on Sunday, after spending two weeks with his parents.

Mrs. Minnie Webb and Miss Helen Yerkes, of Philadelphia, returned home Saturday, after spending three weeks with Mr. B. Donovan and family.

FARMER'S SECRET SOCIETY  
After making a study of the way of farmers in their busy seasons of the year, we have concluded that none of the secret societies, with all their professions of brotherly love, plus secret signs and grips, are equal to the brotherly love that exists between farm neighbors. When Jones is in a gripe, Smith and his neighbors go down and help Jones, and they do it with a will. And it is the same when Smith needs help with his work. The farmers appear to have among themselves something that men all over the world, men in every walk of life, ought to have but have not. We refer to that feeling of comradeship with one another. In other words, it is the farmer's secret society that is not secret.

CURRENT PRICES  
MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET  
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.  
Wheat—No. 1.....57 Cents  
No. 2.....56 Cents  
Timothy Seed \$2.50  
Clover Seed.....17 Cents  
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET  
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.  
Eggs, per doz.....20¢25  
Country Butter, per lb.....26¢84  
Creamery Butter, per lb.....36  
Lard, per lb.....16¢30  
Live Chickens, per lb.....15¢18  
Potatoes.....30¢55

ODESSA

Miss M. Evans, of Elyria, Pa., is spending this week with friends in town.

Mr. Samuel Moffin, of Camden, was a visitor in town on Thursday last.  
Brothers are requested to be present and help make it an enjoyable occasion.

Rev. C. K. Gibson, of White Haven, Pa., is spending sometime with his parents here.  
Mr. John Glassey, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. George Rheomer, near town, this week.

Mrs. R. B. Stephenson, of Manassquan, N. J., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Willard Spicer, this week.  
Mrs. Annie Moody, of Hartley, visited Mr. George Hahn and family several days this week.

Mr. Alvin B. Rose is spending sometime with his father, Mr. Irvin Rose, in Island Heights.  
Mrs. A. Lee Orrell and nephew, Georgia Morgan, spent several days this week with Wilmington relatives.

Mrs. Annie Gabke and daughter, Mrs. Cornwell, of Wilmington, were over Sunday visitors with relatives here.  
Miss Jeannette Watkins and sister, Helen, have returned home, after a pleasant trip up in Pennsylvania.

Misses Caroline and Olive Ortilp, of Norristown, Pa., were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson's Sunday.  
Mr. Edward Wagner and brother, George, of Philadelphia, spent last week with their aunt, Mrs. Eliza Appleton.

Master Allyn McIntyre and brother, of Philadelphia, are visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Watkins this week.  
Mr. Daniel Gabke, of Wilmington, attended the funeral of his cousin, Mr. William Johnson Tuesday of this week.

Misses Helen Supphin, of Trenton, N. J., and Lillian Humphreys and Miss Kincaid, of Wilmington, are guests of the Misses Watkins.  
The many friends of Mr. George Rhodes who met with an accident by breaking his leg last week, will be glad to know he is improving nicely.

The Great Sachem of Delaware will make an official visit to Appoquinimink Tribe, No. 24, Improved Order of Red Men, on the 2d Sun, Sturgeon Moon. All

Mrs. F. B. Watkins entertained a party of young folks Wednesday evening last, on the launch "Edyth G." The party left the wharf at 7 o'clock P. M., for Noxontown, returning by moonlight. About twelve were present and all enjoyed a pleasant ride and the beautiful scenery.

CHESAPEAKE CITY  
Prof. H. W. Caldwell and wife are Brooklyn visitors.  
Miss Mamie Thornton is making a visit to Baltimore friends.

Miss Alice Hopper is spending sometime in Philadelphia.  
Miss Edna Smith, of Camden, is visiting Mrs. John Brown.

Linam Bright, of Delaware City, is visiting J. W. Clayton.  
Dr. H. Cleaver, of Wilmington, was an over Sunday visitor in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Woolley are enjoying a visit at Blue Mountains.  
Miss Bessie Jefferson, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. Richard Carter.

Joseph Schaffer, Jr., and Nard Baston were Middletown visitors Monday.  
Edgar Bishop and Carl Woolleyhan spent Sunday with Sassafras friends.

Miss Minnie Jones, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is making a stay with relatives here.  
Mrs. J. D.



## THE PRICE SHE PAID

BY EMMA PLATT GUYTON

Xenil Edmonston stepped on to the railway platform just as Burke Rodney, accompanied by his wife and little son drove up. Unobserved, but curiously, Edmonston watched Mrs. Rodney as, after kissing the boy tenderly, unassisted by her husband she climbed out of the carriage.

We'll come for you to-night, mamma! called the child.

The husband, however, gave only a surly grunt to her cheerful response, first to the lad, then to him.

Good-by, sweetheart! Good-by, Burke!

The brute! muttered Edmonston, and drew farther back upon the platform, that she might not feel humiliated by the immediate knowledge that he had witnessed the singular parting.

It was not till she had purchased her ticket and stepped on to the platform to await the coming train that Edmonston ventured to approach her. The flush which her husband's boorish reply and manner had caused still suffused her face, but she advanced with a smile and an outstretched hand to greet him.

Xenil Edmonston was known for his brotherly kindness and devotion to all women, but it was with more than his accustomed chivalry that he took into both his own hand that Helen Rodney offered. Her face paled slightly, and he felt the hand he so warmly grasped tremble as he said:

It is a long time since we last met, Helen. How have you been?

There was a world of tenderness in the voice that questioned. Sympathy is the open sesame to the gates of long pent up emotion.

Poor, patient, suffering Helen Rodney could not withstand it. The tears flooded her eyes till they blinded her sight. The thunder of the approaching train rang in her ears, but above it all the whispered words:

Forgive me, from Xenil Edmonston, sounded like the music of earlier, happier years.

Carefully shielding her from observation, he handed her into a private compartment of a parlor car, and with a word of excuse, left her to find the porter.

Dominated as she was by a series of emotions of which self commiseration was not the least, the tact and gentleness of the man appealed most forcibly to her gratitude and sense of admiration. When, later, he returned and took a seat beside her, she turned her eyes bravely to his as she said:

I am very glad of this meeting, Xenil, though you have discovered the skeleton in my closet.

I suspected its existence long ago; for public gossip, though not remarkable for its veracity, is not without some foundation in truth. So, Helen, I have longed to see you and learn the facts from your own lips. I resolved, however, not to plan nor force a meeting, but calmly to await fate's own good times. I was sure it would come. Do you remember our last rendezvous, before your engagement to Rodney was publicly announced? As I told you then I tell you now—sooner or later our lives must run together. You laughed at the idea, though you half recognized your deeper love for me.

I saw that you must learn your lesson by experience, which meant marriage with Rodney, with whom you were dazzled, infatuated, and thought yourself irrevocably in love. I knew you better than you knew yourself.

Helen, dearest, though a cruel one, is not the lesson learned? Are you not ready to cast off the degrading shackles that bind you and come to me?

A startled, frightened look came into her eyes, but the indignation she should have felt was absent, although she drew herself slightly away from him. There, Helen, don't misunderstand me! I am neither a libertine nor a scoundrel, as you know, and being a lawyer, shall abide by legal measures. To put the matter plainly and perhaps bluntly, I want your permission to obtain a divorce for you from Burke Rodney on the ground of cruelty. I then desire to make you my wife according to civil law, as you are now in sight of a higher but generally unrecognized one—that of God.

His voice thrilled her with an indescribable tenderness as he pronounced the last words. She knew all he said was true. Seven years before they had been sweethearts. There had been no definite engagement, but a tacit understanding existed between

them that some day they would be husband and wife.

Xenil was a struggling young lawyer then, just out from college. Burke Rodney came between them with the glamour of his wealth, and the voluptuous, impetuous nature that made what he desired immediately his own. In less than six months from their meeting Helen became his wife, and repented at leisure. A year after marriage a child was born, the little Philip, and in him she had her only comfort and happiness.

The impetuosity she had once taken for an evidence of love seemed now a wild recklessness that terminated in the most passionate outbursts of temper if she crossed her husband's will, however unintentionally.

If she expressed a desire that did not accord with his mood, he burst upon her with violent and abusive language. The presence of the boy was no restraint, and Helen reached a point where she felt a tragedy was imminent. Such scenes between them would at least ruin the character and disposition of the boy. The utter inharmoniousness of their natures was becoming more apparent daily. Often her very presence seemed not only to irritate but infuriate him. He was an open admirer of other women. In her opinion such a marriage was only a mockery, and had it not been for the boy, she would have terminated it long before. Her own disposition was becoming erratic, and at times a rebelliousness against her lot took absolute possession of her.

Now, at a time when her domestic troubles seemed to have reached a climax, Love came and whispered to her the old, sweet strain. The feeling she thought dead leaped again to life. Could she, dared she, face the scandal that such a separation would create? And Philip—what of him? This thought caused her to gasp for breath as she asked—

What would it all mean for Philip?

You should have the boy, if possible; if not, you would probably be permitted to have him with you occasionally. That would be much better for him than the scenes he must constantly be forced to witness between his father and mother.

Ah, yes, yes! It is killing me and ruining him. I will consider the matter and then let you know. You return to-night, do you not?

Yes; I have important business which will require my attention the entire day. I presume you are up for shopping. I will meet you, however, at the train to-night.

It was a peculiar day for Helen Rodney. Amid the rush and tumult of the city, thoughts of Philip, Burke, and home dissensions, mingled curiously with dry goods, millinery, love, and Xenil Edmonston.

At last the day was over, and once again she and Xenil were together. Even now his presence seemed to her a comfort and protection.

Well, what is the decision? he gravely queried.

I cannot decide immediately. Give me time, Xenil.

As much as you like, Helen; but I see the end. Therefore, will you not allow me to call occasionally, simply as a friend?

She gave him her hand in consent. He pressed it deferentially to his lips, then carefully arranged some pillows for her to rest upon, and taking a newspaper from his pocket commenced to read; and so, in silence, they made the short journey home.

The weeks that followed seemed interminably long to Helen, and her moods and methods of reasoning were various. For hours at a time she would consider the proposed measures from a strictly orthodox and conventional point of view, until a species of insanity seemed to possess her. This would be followed by a rebellious mood—which for a woman is particularly dangerous; for if temptation came to her at such a moment, she may in desperation yield to it. Fortunately, Xenil Edmonston was not the man to take advantage of such moments. He intended she should make the decision for herself with what deliberation she should desire, and in a natural frame of mind. Then, whatever occurred, she could not censure either herself or him.

At these periods of mental in-

surrection, Helen felt like immediate and open rebellion against those regulations and customs of society which some inherent but pristine sense, dominated as unnatural and false. Yet she knew that she was still thrall to a heritage of social claims and obligations. She despised herself that this was so, and wondered if she would ever become sufficiently strong to break what she felt to be a degrading bondage.

Perhaps the narrowness of those with whom she came in daily contact irritated her to constant self-analysis, so that she seemed an inhabitant of a world apart.

It was only the occasional visits of Xenil Edmonston that partially restored her to the humanity about her. He was in no wise a part of it, but it was doubtless the kinship that existed between them that made her, in his presence feel less isolated.

Perhaps her husband suspected what was going on in her mind. At all events, he had never been so frankly brutal. There were times when she feared personal violence. Once she said to him, in desperation:

Rodney, I believe you hate me. Let us go our separate ways. Set me free!

For years she remembered the terrible scene that ensued—the man's coarse accusations and insults. In horror she fled from him. And this ruffian was the father of her child! If the day should come when Philip trod in the steps of his sire, she felt her heart would break.

A long, miserable year dragged by. Then Helen became desperate, and gave Edmonston the answer he desired. It was sent in a characteristic little note which read simply:

I have decided to place my case in your hands and trust my future to your care. HELEN.

Without delay Edmonston repaired to Mr. Rodney, whom he found alone and at leisure. A cool greeting was exchanged between the two men, and then the lawyer launched into the object of his visit. He stated his case clearly and concisely. The love he had borne Helen for years previous to her marriage, the sympathy he had felt at the unhappiness of her wedded life, which was public talk, his desire to make her his wife, if Rodney would permit a quiet divorce without contest, was told in a straightforward, manly way.

To say that Rodney was dazed, bewildered, at the proposition is but a mild way of stating his mental condition. He was speechless for a moment, during which time every vestige of color disappeared from his face. Then he asked:

Helen knows of this?

Yes.

And it is her wish to leave me?

Yes.

Rodney's eyes burned with anger as he deliberately replied: I am not a man to hold any woman against her will. If, as you think, you can make this one happy, take her and welcome; but not the boy. She will never be allowed intercourse with Philip, and he shall not be allowed to recognize her as his mother. She shall be an outcast to him. Do you understand?

But this is doing her a grave injustice, Mr. Rodney. The whole world knows she is an unloved wife—

As I am an unloved husband. Does your world know that, too? Helen has always held herself above me. Let her go her high and holy way—I wish you joy of her!

He turned shortly to his desk. That is all. Good-day.

Edmonston was forced to leave without further attempt at argument. Indeed, he felt it useless to try to revoke Rodney's decision; and in his heart he could not blame the man for clinging to his son. It would be a terrible blow to Helen to learn she must lose her boy, and it was with many misgivings he proceeded on his way to her. Would she not endure anything rather than a separation from Philip? Would not the mother love in this extremity rise supreme over that of the woman for her lover? It had seemed that her affection was deeper than that of most mothers, for in her almost intolerable matrimonial life, Philip had been the only object for the expenditure of her love.

Great, then, was Edmonston's surprise at the calmness with which she listened and her evident preparation for the result of the interview.

I knew he would strike me through Philip, she said. I know his cruel nature. I am prepared to accept the condition. Philip, if he lives to become a man, will leave me some day for another

woman. It is nature's law. Have I not seen scores of sorrowing mothers hunger for a crumb of a son's love, thrown without reserve at the feet of a stranger? The day will come when I shall be alone in my suffering. Rodney hates me, Philip will forget. I have decided. Take me Xenil!

By a subtle chain of reasoning she had thought the matter out to the end, and the decision at which she arrived was as unalterable as the law of the Medes and Persians.

Before her husband returned that night Helen was on her way to the adjoining city, where she lived quietly until her divorce was obtained, when she was married to Xenil Edmonston. But in spite of his now wide influence and wealth, she was completely ignored by the society in which she had formerly reigned as queen. Women, mothers particularly, do not readily forgive child desertion; in spite of Rodney's well known cruelty to her, public sympathy was entirely with him and the boy. Before the expiration of a year after she became Mrs. Edmonston, Xenil was forced to sell, at a sacrifice, his large and lucrative practice, and move away.

Only once was the name of his mother mentioned between Philip and his father. Several years later, when the lad had reached an understanding age, Rodney related to him the story of Helen's desertion, coloring the facts to suit himself. He listened in silence, with flushing face, his father tenderly and walked quietly out of the room. Truly he had inherited all of his mother's reserve and decision.

The story reached Helen's ears, and when, a few years later, she met Philip—now almost a man—upon the streets of the city in which she lived, he passed her coldly and without recognition. However, she was aware he knew she was his mother.

Xenil Edmonston was always kind and devoted to his beautiful wife. And she? Did his love compensate her for the social ostracism, and, more than all, for the loss of her boy, with his respect and love? Helen ever remained silent on the subject; so who can tell?

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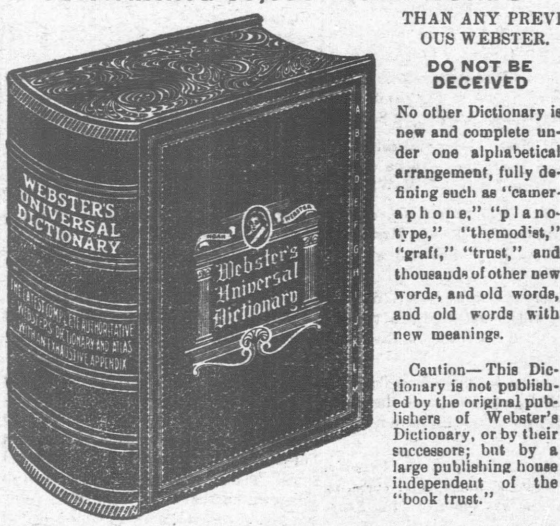
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